

by him. Praise His holy name. Pray for us.

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From the National Capital

Our pastor being absent from the city and unable to occupy his usual space in the EVANGELIST, I will try to write a few lines to partially fill this space.

Everything is progressing nicely with our little band of workers, and we feel that the Lord is with us, and directing our footsteps. If the general brotherhood only could realize how proud we feel and how thankful we are for our nice church home we now occupy, they would feel glad for the part they had taken in securing it; but of course we realize that all contributed cheerfully. We give God all the praise. The work is so much more encouraging now than it used to be when we held meetings in the hall. The S. S. is progressing nicely under the supervision of Mrs. J. E. Parsons, but sorry she has to be absent for a Sunday or two on account of she and her husband being called to Johnstown,—death of a relative the cause.

Brother Lyon is holding some meetings in Virginia, at Good's Mills, and reports three for baptism and probably more. He will remain away over next Sunday and attend the conference in Virginia. Brother Crawford, of Johnstown is expected to fill the pulpit Sunday next.

Much sickness prevails among our members at present.

Brethren, don't forget that our pastor has to still be supported financially. I hear him say sometimes, "I think the brethren have forgotten that I still have to have something to live on since they contributed so liberally to the building fund." Remember, brethren, our flock is still small, and a great many of our members are poor and not able to give much; still it appears to me that some of them almost give the "widow's mite." I feel sure that the members here are doing all they can in this support. There is also about \$2000 back on the church, and we hope that all who could not make it suit to take part in the first payment will be one of the first in the second payment.

I cannot close this article without calling attention to the circular our editor enclosed with the EVANGELIST a week or two ago, advertising his book, "The Parallel Gospels." I have a copy of the book and would not take a good deal for it if I could not get another. It certainly is a great help to anyone in studying the gospels. I think each member should try to secure one by all means. The small price of \$1.00 is very reasonable indeed.

R. W. CASSADY.

Ind. Mission Items

Saturday, April 28, I wended my way to Goshen, Ind., to be present at the opening of our mission work there. The following brethren actively engaged in the ministry were present: G. W. Rench, L. W. Ditch, B. H. Flora, A. S. Menaugh, A. R. Bemen-

derfer, C. H. Marks, D. F. Eikenbery and the writer.

Services were held at 2 P. M., led by brother G. W. Rench as announced previously.

Following this statement by the secretary.

Brother Rench then stated the necessity of funds, in a short time over \$100 was raised.

Services same evening by brother L. W. Ditch, and Sunday at 2:15 P. M. by the secretary of State Mission Board.

A few items of interest: eight ministers actively engaged in the work were present. Total money pledged for local expense, \$108 50, of which \$39 50 was paid same day. Brother Rench is to visit them once a month as also Brother Ditch. Thus giving them services two Sundays every month till Oct. 1, when further arrangements must be made. They have placed themselves under the full control of mission board and it is our plan to help them reach a self supporting basis ere we leave them. Hall rent is \$12.50 besides incidental expence and evangelist and pastoral needs. So we ask a hearty co operation of all churches in the work that we may make Goshen a point of strength and a center from which our work may go out.

Will not all churches which have not responded to our call at Easter give us a lending hand as soon as possible?

WM. H. MILLER,

Sec. M. B. of B. Ch. of Ind.

Facts for Thinking Christians

Fuel for Missionary Fires.

There are 1,000,000,000 heathen in the world.

There are 10,000 missionaries.

Each missionary is responsible for 100,000 souls.

In the United States there is one minister to every 700 people.

In China there is one ordained minister to every 1,000,000.

In the United States there are 80,000,000 people, and 110,000 ministers, besides all other Christian workers.

Out of every 100,000 church members in America, only twenty one go to the foreign field.

Forty million heathen die every year. They are dying at the rate of 100,000 a day.

Every tick of the watch sounds the death knell of a heathen soul.

Every breath we draw four souls perish, never having heard of Christ.

Christians are giving at the rate of a cent a day.

We give one cent a year for each heathen soul.

Christ said, "Go ye into all the world." "Go" does not mean "stay;" "all" does not mean a "part."

Our Mission Work

I feel greatly averse to disturb the serenity of the many friends of our missions, who, no doubt, feel that everything is prospering nobly. Well, it is. All except one of the essentials which is causing some uneasiness to the sensitive natures of both brethren, Talley and Lyon. They do not like to see

the groceryman or landlord come around when the exchequer is exhausted: it destroys the flavor of the food and makes their quarters cheerless. Brethren, take in the situation for a moment; if you will do so there will be a remedy at once. May the Lord bless you.

JACOB C. CASSEL,
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

The Sunday School

LESSON 9—MAY 27, 1900

Parable of the Kingdom—Matt. 13:24-33

Golden Text.—The field is the world.—Matt. 13:38.

Lesson Thought.—Wherever man sows the good seed of the word, there satan scatters the seeds of evil.

Time.—In the autumn of A. D. 28.

Place.—On the shore of the Sea of Galilee, near Capernaum.

Persons.—John the Baptist in prison at Castle Macherus.

Home Readings

Matt. 24:14; 28:19; Mark 16:15-17; Isa. 5:24; 10:16, 17; Mal. 4:1; Matt. 3:10; 7:19; Hebrew 6:8; 10:27; Mark 4:26-29; Psalm 72:7, 8; Isa. 2:2; 9:7; 62:2, 3; Dan. 2:35, 45; 7:14, 27.

Lesson Text

24 Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went away.

26 But when the blade sprang up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 And the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? whence then hath it tares?

28 And he said unto them, An enemy hath done this. And the servants say unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he saith, Nay: lest haply while ye gather up the tares, ye root up the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

31 Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32 Which indeed is less than all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

Lesson Links

These parables follow immediately on the parable in our last lesson. They were all spoken on one occasion to the disciples and the multitude and then explained to the disciples in private. The opposition of the Pharisees had begun to take more active form. The period of their indifference or curiosity was beginning to develop into open hostility.

The Lesson

The last lesson was a parable concerning the soil. The first of the three in this lesson is about the seed. The second is to teach the external growth of the kingdom. The third teaches the all-reaching and thorough influence of the Kingdom of Heaven.